

Happy are those  
whose way is  
**BLAMELESS,**  
who walk in the  
law of the LORD.

**PSALM 119:1, NRSV**

**February 16, 2020  
First Presbyterian Church of Homewood  
Homewood, IL**



**THE CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 16, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**\*Congregation stands as able - Indented BOLD indicates Congregation to speak.**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOMEWOOD  
MISSION STATEMENT**

Through the grace of God, faith in Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we prayerfully seek to discern God's will for this congregation and to reach beyond ourselves to feed the hungry, body and soul. Adopted by Session 7/31/17

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*If there is righteousness in the heart,  
there will be beauty in the character.*

*If there is beauty in the character,  
there will be harmony in the home.*

*If there is harmony in the home,  
there will be order in the nation.*

*If there is order in the nation,  
there will be peace in the world.*

*So let it be.*

(Scottish Blessing)

**PRELUDE**

*Dorian Echo Fantasy*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

**INTROIT**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Edwin Hatch &  
Robert Jackson

**\*CALL TO CONTINUING WORSHIP**

from Psalm 67:1-3

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us

**Many: and make his face to shine upon us,**

One: that your way may be known upon earth,

**Many: your saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**Many: let all the peoples praise you.**

**\*HYMN 463**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we thank you for your patient grace. We fear that there are many times you might rather give up on us than bear with us. If we were you, we would have washed our hands of us a long time ago. You overlook our tendency to do your will when it's convenient. We cannot grasp the reality that you both expect much, give much and forgive more. Help us to accept your pardon in our hearts so we may rededicate them to you. Amen.

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*THE GLORIA 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
Glory To God (Vasile)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
The peace of Christ is with you  
**And also with you.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 110** *Love Has Come* Bring A Torch  
(first verse only)

**MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN** Rev. Elvery

**WELCOME AND CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS**  
(Use this time to sign the Friendship Pad in your pew; pass it down and then return it to the center aisle.)

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 119:1-8 p. 535 / 696 OT

**ANTHEM** *Seek Ye First* arr. Tim VanNasdale

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 5:21-37 p. 4 / 5 NT  
The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN 410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

W Żłobie Leży

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What does God's law require of us?

**A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37–40: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. “And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”**

Q. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

**A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.**

Q. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

**A. No. God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their hearts and live with God in eternal happiness to praise and glorify him.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Shall I Not Sing to My God*

Johann Ernst Rembt

**\*DOXOLOGY 606**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, giver of all good gifts, let us learn from your example so we may give good gifts for your service. Let our gifts be good because they honor you and further your work and because they come from our hearts. Amen.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*HYMN 688**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Morecambe

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Delores Dufner

**POSTLUDE**

*The Bells*

Nicolas Lebègue

*Some people choose to be seated to listen to the postlude. If you need to leave,  
the pastor and worship leader are glad to greet you at the entrance of the sanctuary.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!*

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**Rev. Dudley J. Elvery II, Interim Pastor**

**Mr. Tim VanNasdale, Director of Music/Organist**

Worship Liturgist: Joyce Anders

Ushers: Earl Anker, Laura Dillman, Ray Nielsen, Wanda Nielsen



Please join us for a time of fellowship at Heavenly Perks, hosted today by the Board of Trustees and managed by the Congregational Life Ministry. Today's Perk is a *Potluck Lunch!* Lunch will precede the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation in Westminster Hall immediately following worship. Everyone is invited!



## ANNUAL MEETING

### ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH –

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is today immediately after worship. We will begin with a potluck lunch and

then move into our meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting! We will review the 2019 Annual Report and financial information, nominate and elect members of the Nominating Committee for 2020, hear a report from the Trustees, and attend to any additional business coming from Session and/or members. If you have specific questions or items for discussion please let the Clerk of Session, Ed Wahl, know in advance so that we plan our time appropriately. Copies of the annual report are available on the Welcome Center for your preview.



**WELCOME** – Good morning! We are blessed that we are able once again to gather as a community in God’s house. Welcome to everyone present today. May we keep our minds and hearts open as we receive God’s word this day. Pray with us as we give thanks to our God, who is ever with us in our daily walk.

**WORSHIP AIDS** – Large print copies of the bulletin and hymnal, and printed copies of the sermon are available before the service. Please request these items from an usher.

**YOUNG CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL** – The story today is “*Specks and Logs.*” The teachers today are Laurie Ulrich and Eleanor Steiner. Children begin the 10:30 a.m. worship with families in the sanctuary, participate in passing the peace of Christ, have a Moment with Pastor Dudley on the chancel steps, then walk with the teachers to the classroom. YCSS welcomes children ages 2-7. The nursery next door to the classroom is available to parents and babies as needed; a speaker broadcasts the service to the nursery.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL VIDEO SERIES** – Early Christianity was prolific in its production of Gospels—narratives that in one way or another have Jesus of Nazareth as their central character. There are many more Gospels than the four included in the New Testament, either deliberately omitted or lost and rediscovered in later centuries. They are almost bewilderingly diverse in the way they portray Jesus. What could be more interesting than a video lecture series on *Jesus and the Gospels*. The Gospels are many, and it will require 36 lessons to examine them. Join us on Sunday each week at 9:30 a.m. for the 30-minute video presentation and the following 20-minute discussion. Next week’s lesson is “*The Gnostic Good News: The Gospel of Truth.*” See enclosed synopsis. Everyone is welcome!

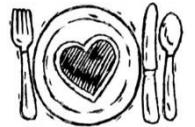
**SCRIPTURES IN WORSHIP** – Next Sunday, we will be reading Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT PANERA BREAD** meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study will be meeting at the *new* Panera Bread in Homewood on 175<sup>th</sup> and Halsted (west side). We are studying the book of Isaiah using the Bible Study written by Gary W. Light. If you'd like to join in or have questions, talk to Laurie Ulrich, Kathie Hazlett or Jan Bunker. Everyone is welcome!



A **SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS** will be held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Monday Night Community Dinner. Our increasing awareness of how broken our world has become can either overwhelm us and push us into apathy or even despair or move us to say “enough is enough” and realign ourselves with God’s dreams and possibilities for a Kingdom on Earth. This service can become a small step in that direction by helping us to experience anew God’s healing, peace-giving grace or by refueling us for becoming agents of healing and reconciliation or both. Our quiet place awaits us in this service. Please come!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNITY DINNERS** – Join us on Mondays (including holidays) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a free delicious meal and fellowship as we host our community for supper in Westminster Hall. We need volunteers to help make this happen. If you are able to help with this and/or interested in helping with one of the dinners, please call Jay Webster at 224/234-7244. Thank you for helping us serve our community!



The Women’s Association extends a special thank you to all who baked and bought from the ***Bake Sale***. Donations of \$426.00 were received. The proceeds will benefit the operations of the Women’s Association.



**THE CARILLON** – Please be reminded that Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit your article/s for placement in the March *Carillon*. E-mail your article/s to the editor at ewahl@sbcglobal.net or place it in *The Carillon* mailbox in the church office.

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY** – The 2020 calendar for chancel flowers is up in the Narthex. Flower dedications may be in honor or memory of someone or to “the glory of God”. Garden flowers are also welcome. If you wish to donate flowers for the sanctuary and/or have questions, please contact Jay Webster at 224/234-7244.

**CHICAGO HEIGHTS MEN’S FELLOWSHIP** – First Presbyterian Homewood men are invited to join the Chicago Heights Men’s Fellowship gathering on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (postponed from Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>), 12:30 p.m. at Paulie’s Pub, 2736 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights. Share a devotion, a few pops, and Christian fellowship. Hope to see you there.



February means that it is time for the **SOUTH SUBURBAN CHURCH CHOIR FESTIVAL**. This year, the festival will be at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Chancel Choir will participate with choir members from St. Paul Community Church joining us.

There will be seven or eight church choirs, some of them also combined. Each choir sings two songs and all choirs sing three songs together. This year all choirs will sing a Cameroon song in that language! Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of music.



**New:** Char Hansen's daughter-in-law, Lisa Hansen.

**Prayer Card Ministry** – As a way of strengthening our Christian family ties, please hold these individuals in prayer this week: Sandy VanHorn, Dean and Linda VanNasdale, Tim VanNasdale, Ed and Janet Wahl, Debbie Way.

**Continuing:** Karen Allison's friend, Joanne Harris; Earl Anker, RoseMary Baird and family; Elizabeth Boersma, Doug Bonthron, Sally Wolford and the Bonthron family; Leo Brant (community dinner guest), Dee Delaney's sister, Linda; Donald Cantway, Kathie Darman's older sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Gordy Briggs; Laura Dillman, Phil Dillman, Evelyn Dixon, Johnnie Dorsey, Mae Evert, Barbara Foerch, Amber Freiberg's mom, Judy Jurek; Darlene Giesbrecht's sisters, Sylvia Archer and Carol Moneysmith, brother, Rich Giesbrecht, and nieces, Melissa Stansberry and Isabel; daughter, Angela Correa; Ramses Godoy's mom, Virginia; Char Hansen's son, Ron and daughter-in-law, Lisa Hansen; Jonna James, Melodee Leimnetzer and her brother, Bud; Bruce Miller, Kathleen O'Hanlon's niece, Caitlin Reeb and friends, Angela and John Gillespie, Nancy Nichols, and cousin Richard; Betty Owens, Betty Ross, Jay and Debby Ruklic, Michael Simon, Eleanor Steiner, Pat Steiner, Ron Stroh, Paul Tufts, Sandy VanHorn and nephew, Mike Slattery; Laurie Ulrich and her brother, Rick Noetzel Tim VanNasdale's mom, Linda VanNasdale, Jay Webster's grandmother; families and animals affected by the Australia wildfires.

**Our Military Family:** David Conover, Beth Kauffman, Cameron Miller, Tom Skenandore, Ethan Wald, Michael Wheeler.

**UPDATING PRAYER LISTS** – As we move into the new year, we would like to update our prayer lists of "Continuing" and "Military Family" names. Please update the church office (798-0490 and/or [fpchw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpchw@sbcglobal.net)) for names to continue into 2020.



# *Jesus and the Gospels*

(Adult Sunday School Video Series)

**February 23, 2020**

*The Gnostic Good News: The Gospel of Truth* – It can be said that the point of Gnosticism is a kind of self-realization that whatever Jesus is, the Gnostic is also already. They just have not come to an awareness of it. In *The Gospel of Truth*, the work of Jesus is placed in a cosmic myth of loss and recovery. Jesus comes forth from the pleroma [from the Greek word for “fullness”] as the mind of the father. Jesus enlightens those who are in darkness and teaches them the way of truth. Jesus reveals the truth to his followers about who they *already* are but have forgotten. Jesus was heard by the children, but he is rejected by those called wise. Jesus suffers death. The “Book of the Living” reveals salvation. Jesus is the good shepherd. *The Gospel of Truth* most resembles the canonical Gospel of John. The theme of light and darkness works with the pattern of loss and recovery. A specific role is given to the Holy Spirit.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOMEWOOD

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### This Week

#### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. - Worship / YCSS  
11:30 a.m. - Potluck Lunch / Annual Meeting  
of the Congregation & Annual Meeting of  
the Corporation  
5:30 p.m. - AME Church

#### Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m. - Community Dinner  
7:00 p.m. - Session  
7:00 p.m. - AA

#### Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study @ Panera Bread  
7:30 p.m. - Emotions Anonymous

#### Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. - Women's AA  
7:00 p.m. - AA

#### Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. - Handbells  
7:40 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
~ *The Carillon Deadline* ~

#### Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

12:30 p.m. - FPC-Chicago Heights Men's  
Fellowship Lunch @ Paulie's Pub  
7:00 p.m. - Model Club  
8:00 p.m. - Alanon

#### Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 a.m. - AA  
9:30 a.m. - Presbytery Assembly Mtg @  
St. Luke Church, Downers Grove  
10:30 a.m. - AA

### Next Week

#### Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. - Worship / YCSS  
11:30 a.m. - Heavenly Perks  
3:00 p.m. - South Suburban Church Choir  
Festival @ FPCH-Chgo. Hts.

#### Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m. - Community Dinner  
6:30 p.m. - Service of Healing &  
Wholeness  
7:00 p.m. - AA

#### Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study @ Panera Bread  
7:30 p.m. - Emotions Anonymous

#### Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. - Women's AA  
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service @  
St. Paul Community Church  
7:00 p.m. - AA

#### Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. - Handbells  
7:40 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00 p.m. - Alanon

#### Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. - AA  
10:30 a.m. - AA

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOMEWOOD

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**Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**

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**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**

## Church Staff Directory

Every Member

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Tim VanNasdale

Debra Campbell

Linda Daanen

Johnnie Dorsey

Ministers

Interim Pastor

Director of Music/Organist

Secretary

Treasurer

Sexton

## The Session

Ed Wahl, Clerk of Session

Rev. Dudley J. Elvery II, Moderator

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Kathleen O'Hanlon

Ed Wahl

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